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1. During the period from 10 March to 10 April 1954, no changes took place in Sagsnitz harbor. The oil line was completed except for small residual work. Work on the oil bunkers was nearing completion, but work on the surface had not yet started. A building, 60 meters long and between 8 and 9 meters wide, was being erected in the track area of the harbor railroad depot opposite the foreshed. The second story of this building was completed, while the third story still was under construction. This building was scheduled to quarter sea police.

2. On 16 March 1954, eight senior officers of the Soviet Navy inspected the eastern jetty and the harbor. The border policeman posted on the eastern jetty stated that one of the navy officers was a Soviet admiral.

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5. Three apparatus similar to searchlights were seen on top of the tower of Rantzow Castle. These devices seemed to have been there for some time, although they could not be seen as the rail of the tower was canvas-covered. Three trucks, [redacted] were stationed at Rantzow Castle.

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6. At about 6 p.m. on 7 April 1954, Soviet motor minersweepers [redacted] and PT boats [redacted] were moored close to the southwest side of the western jetty. They put to sea at about 6:30. ERNST THAEPMANN of the sea police and KS boats [redacted] were the only vessels moored in the harbor proper. ERNST THAEPMANN will probably be unserviceable until September 1954 because of the sealing of her boilers. She was moored at the inner side of the western jetty.

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7. [redacted] the present Soviet garrison commander in Sassnitz was in command of the Soviet submarine, which, in World War II, sank the German hospital ship WILHELM GUSTLOFF off Gdynia.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Elco-type PT boats stationed in Swinemunde.
2. [redacted] Comment. T 301-class vessels observed for the first time in this area.
3. [redacted] Comment. Former German M-type minesweeper "43", used as an escort vessel.

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4. [redacted] Comment. "Habicht"-type minelayer-sweeper.

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5. [redacted]

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6. [redacted]

7. [redacted] Comment. Probably radar sets.

8. [redacted] Comment. T-301 class vessels which have been seen in Swinemunde since the fall of 1953.

9. [redacted] Comment. See [redacted] Comment 1.

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10. [redacted]

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